

SOUTH HAVEN AREA WATER SEWER AUTHORITY
2025 CWSRF PROJECT PLAN
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The South Haven Area Water Sewer Authority (the “Authority”) will hold a public hearing on the proposed wastewater system expansion and improvements project. This project will expand service into Covert Township and make upgrades to the Authority’s existing collection and treatment systems. The purpose of the public hearing is to receive comments from interested persons.

The hearing will be Thursday April 24, 2025, at 4:00 p.m. at
South Haven Charter Township Hall,
09761 Blue Star Memorial Hwy, South Haven, MI 49090

The Authority is pursuing subsidized financing through the Clean Water State Revolving Fund (CWSRF) to improve the wastewater treatment and collection systems. These improvements are necessary to ensure the regional system can accommodate wastewater from Covert Township, Holtec Palisades, and Van Buren State Park, and meet the growing needs of the greater South Haven community. Expansion of service into Covert Township also requires construction of a regional interceptor extension to convey wastewater to the Authority’s system. The Authority is developing a Project Planning Document outlining the 20-year design basis for the project and seeking low-interest financing through CWSRF.

Project construction includes:

- 8.4 miles of regional sewer extension from Covert Township to the City of South Haven including 3,500 feet of replacement and 11,300 feet of new sewer, 2,600 feet of replacement and 26,800 feet of new forcemain, 1 upgrade and 4 new lift stations.
- 2.3 miles of improvements to the existing collection system including 8,500 feet of sewer replacement, 3,900 feet of forcemain, and 2 lift stations.
- Upgrades to the wastewater treatment plant headworks, biological treatment, secondary clarifiers, solids handling, technology and building systems.
- Reconstruction of public streets, sidewalks, water main and storm sewer replacement.

Beneficial impacts of the project include regionalization and consolidation of separately permitted wastewater systems, replacement of outdated utility assets, installation of energy-efficient equipment,

increased primary and secondary treatment capacity, reduced combined sewer overflows and retention basin discharges, and improved solids handling capability. Adverse impacts are all short-term and include temporary disturbance during construction, traffic disruption, dust, and noise.

The project will be funded through low-interest CWSRF loans, contributions from Covert Township, Holtec Palisades, the State of Michigan, and other sources. A basis for allocating costs must still be determined and will take several months. User costs will vary depending on financing terms, availability of grants, and cost allocation rate structure. Further information on financing and potential impacts on user rates will be discussed at the public hearing.

Draft copies of the CWSRF Project Plan will be available for public review beginning April 7th, 2025, at the Department of Public Works offices, 1199 8th Avenue, South Haven. Information will also be posted on the Authority's website at <https://www.shawsa.org/>.

Written comments will be accepted until the hearing record is closed on April 24, 2025, at 4:00 p.m. Comments will receive responses in the final project planning document. Comments should be sent to: South Haven Area Water Sewer Authority, Dana R. Burd, P.E., Director of Public Works, 1199 8th Avenue, South Haven, MI 49090. All interested persons are encouraged to attend and provide input.